

S.2188 - Citizen's Council for Advocacy of Freedom

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Sponsors: Senators Wiley, Bridges, Carlson, Cooper, Dodd, Gruening, Moss, Sparkman, Williams (N.J.), Scott, Humphrey, Proxmire and Clark.

Purpose: "to provide, through a high-level Council composed of outstanding persons from private life who are leaders in the informational fields, and officials from the legislative and executive branches of the Government, for a re-evaluation of the scope of the Communist ideological challenge, and of the adequacy of existing programs, together with recommendations for improving policies and procedures to meet that challenge.

Council Composed of:

- a. Four appointed by President from private life.
- b. Four appointed by President from Senate
  1. Two from Senate (1 from each party)
  2. Two from private life
- c. Four appointed by Speaker of House
  1. Two from House (from each party)
  2. Two from private life
- d. Three members designated by President from:
  1. USIA
  2. CIA
  3. ICA
- e. Such other members as President may designate.

**Council's Duties:**

- a. Recommend better ways to present the American way of life abroad.
- b. Recommend more effective ways to utilize techniques and methods of private enterprise in mass media fields.
- c. Formulate program to meet Communist ideological offensive.
- d. Recommend ways to improve programs and policies at all levels of Government.
- e. Recommend concerted and cooperative actions by nations of the free world.

**Remarks:**

Section 6 authorizes Council to secure directly from any department, etc of the executive ... "any information it deems necessary to carry out its functions..."

Adverse report to Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee is being prepared by CIA. Similar adverse reports have been prepared by State and USIA.